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1. On 23 December 1950, Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann addressed the department heads of the HVA. He stated that Walter Ulbricht had ordered measures taken to counteract the poor morale in the Volkspolizei units arising from the pending reorganizational transfers. Two-man commissions would visit the various Volkspolizei units between 27 and 29 December, and would explain the necessity for the transfers and would hear complaints and would be authorized to ameliorate cases of real hardship wherever possible.
2. Departmental heads of the HVA are to attend a two-hour lecture on politics followed by a one-hour lecture on modern army tactics every Monday morning. The first of this series of lectures was held on 15 January 1951. Chefinspekteur Bernhard Bechler delivered the tactics lecture, stressing the modern Soviet Army method of using the well-surfurported infantry as the driving force, and claimed that this was the secret of the Chinese successes in Korea.
3. General Petrakovsky, SCC officer supervising the HVA, was not available during the first half of January 1951; his deputy, General Makarov, stated that he was in Moscow. All of the Russian liaison officers with the Volkspolizei units are to report to Karlshorst for a series of lectures by General Petrakovsky from 23 to 28 January 1951.
4. Chefinspekteur Bechler addressed a meeting of HVA heads on or about 10 January 1951; he stated that 6000 of a target of 8000 men had been recruited by the Lander recruiting boards set up at the end of November 1950. He stated that though the boards had ceased activity about Christmas time, local recruitment would continue until the required 2000 men had been obtained.
5. At the end of December 1950, Inspekteur Gorringer, head of the organization section of the staff division of the HVA, stated that his predecessor, Inspekteur Erwin Engelbrecht, had been released to the FDJ as an organizer for the Weltjugendtreffen to be held in August 1951*.
6. In December 1950 the HVA estimated its gasoline needs at 675 tons of gasoline for 1951. The January 1951 allocation was only 35 tons.

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The entire reserve stocks have by now been used up as the HVA also received short issues in November and December. An internal rationing plan has been in force since 1 December 1950 whereby each vehicle is restricted in total mileage per month as follows:

Trucks	2,000 kilometers per month
Sedans	2,000-3,000 kilometers per month
Motorcycles	2,500 kilometers per month
Courier vehicles	5,000 kilometers per month
(Personal carriers)	

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gasoline produced in the DDR deteriorates so rapidly that after three months' storage it is quite useless as a combustion agent for engines.

7. The total vehicle strength of the HVA as of 15 January 1951 is as follows:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Brand Manufacture</u>
335	trucks	ZIS - 150 (Russian make)
82	trucks	Horch - H3
63	ambulances	Phänomen - Granite
15	courier vehicles	Phänomen - Granite (15 seats)
42	sedans	BMW - 340
22	sedans	BMW - 321
57	sedans	DKW - F.8 (new)
202	motorcycles	BMW - R35 (new)
90	motorcycles	BMW - R35 (old)
75	motorcycles	JAVA - 250 cc. (Czechoslovakian make)
90	motorcycles	JAVA - 350 cc.
75	motorcycles	A.M.O. - 250 cc (manufactured by Suhl; inferior quality)
65	truck trailers	
1	limousine	Tatraplan (Czechoslovakian make) for Gen. Insp. Hoffmann
19	tanks	T34
19	self-propelled guns	SU76
19	armored reconnaissance cars	
18 or 19	Gun carriers	Bren

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8. [redacted] no further deliveries of armored vehicles were expected before 1 March 1951.

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* Comment: Inspekteur Engelbrecht was on detached service with the FDJ Zentralrat in charge of operations during the 1950 Whitsuntide Rally in Berlin.

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